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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Humble, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/688,675  
Filing Date: October 17, 2003  
Confirmation No.: 2628  
Group Art Unit: 3739  
Title: *System And Method For Removing A Protective Cover From A Medical Instrument*

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, which sets forth an election of species requirement. In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Species I. Claims readable thereon include Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14-30, 32, and 34-37.